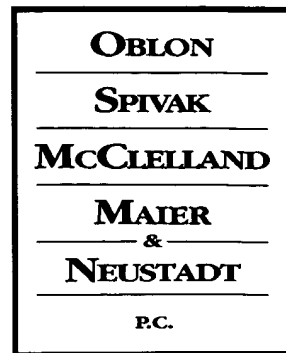




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Applicants: Kazuki AZUMA
Filing Date: March 20, 2001
For: INTERMITTENT DRIVE CONTROL APPARATUS
OF MOTOR
Group Art Unit: 2837
Examiner: LEYKIN, RITA

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reason for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of June 20, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on pages 2 and 3 of the Notice of Allowance mailed June 20, 2006, paragraph 1 states:

However, none of the prior art teaches or suggests claimed combination of limitations including:

- A braking time calculation means for measuring a period of the rotation detection signals to calculate speed deceleration rate of the motor and calculate a braking time between braking start and stop of the rotation of the motor based on rotational speed of the motor at a time of the braking start and the calculated speed deceleration rate, so that the motor drive means is controlled based on the calculated braking time, including

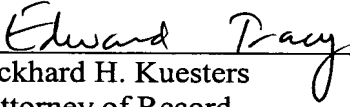
- Rotation detection means, which generate a rotation detection signal at a frequency proportional to rotation of the motor.

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However, Claims 9-16 do not include the "means plus function" language used in the above Reasons. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above-quoted statement does not apply to any of Claims 9-16.

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